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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
LOS ANGELES DIVISION

In Re:

POINT.360, a California corporation,

Debtor.

Case No. 2:17-bk-22432-WB

Chapter 11

Point.360, a California corporation, and the
Committee of Creditors Holding
Unsecured Claims,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Medley Capital Corporation, a Delaware
corporation, Medley Opportunity Fund II,
LP, a Delaware limited partnership,

Defendants..

Adv. No. 2:19-ap-01129-WB

**DEFENDANTS MEDLEY CAPITAL
CORPORATION AND MEDLEY
OPPORTUNITY FUND II LP'S ANSWER TO
FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Date: September 24, 2019

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Courtroom 1375

U.S. Bankruptcy Court

255 E. Temple Street, 13th Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Defendants Medley Capital Corporation and Medley Opportunity Fund II LP (collectively, “Medley”) submit this Answer in response to the *First Amended Complaint for (1) Mandatory Subordination, (2) Objection to Claim, and (3) Lien Avoidance* [ECF No. 18] (the “Complaint”)¹ in the above-captioned adversary proceeding, and respectfully state the following:

STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION, PARTIES AND PROCEEDINGS

1. Medley admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 1.

2. Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 2, and therefore denies those allegations.

3. Medley admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 3.

PARTIES

4. Upon information and belief, Medley admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 4.

5. Medley admits the allegations contained in the first sentence of Paragraph 5. Medley denies the allegations contained in the second sentence of Paragraph 5.

6. Medley admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 6.

7. Medley admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 7.

8. Medley admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 8.

9. Medley admits the allegations contained in the first two sentences of Paragraph 9.

Medley assumes but has not independently verified that the copies attached to the request for judicial notice are complete and correct. Accordingly, Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations contained in the third sentence of Paragraph 9, and therefore denies those allegations.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

10. Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 10, and therefore denies those allegations.

11. Medley admits that it loaned funds to MVF in September 2012. No response is required to the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 11 because they amount to legal

¹ Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein should be given the meanings assigned in the Complaint.

1 conclusions and because the parties' loan agreement, as amended, speaks for itself. To the extent
2 that a response is required, the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 11 are denied.

3 12. No response is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 because they
4 amount to legal conclusions and because the parties' loan agreement, as amended, speaks for itself.
5 To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 are denied.

6 13. The allegations contained in Paragraph 13 amount to legal conclusions to which no
7 response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph
8 13 are denied.

9 14. Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of
10 the allegations contained in Paragraph 14, and therefore denies those allegations.

11 15. Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of
12 the allegations contained in Paragraph 15, and therefore denies those allegations.

13 16. Medley admits that the Debtor was given access to a data room of MVF data and
14 financial information on March 4, 2015. Medley denies the remaining allegations contained in
15 Paragraph 16.

16 17. Medley denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 17.

17 18. Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of
18 the allegations contained in Paragraph 18, and therefore denies those allegations.

19 19. Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of
20 the allegations contained in Paragraph 19, and therefore denies those allegations.

21 20. Medley admits that a face-to-face meeting between representatives of the Debtor,
22 Medley, and Deloitte took place on or about March 26, 2015. Medley denies the remaining
23 allegations contained in Paragraph 20.

24 21. Medley denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 21.

25 22. Medley admits the allegations contained in the first sentence of Paragraph 22.
26 Medley denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 23.

27 23. Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of
28 the allegations contained in Paragraph 23, and therefore denies those allegations.

1 24. Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of
2 the allegations contained in Paragraph 24, and therefore denies those allegations.

3 25. Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of
4 the allegations contained in Paragraph 25, and therefore denies those allegations.

5 26. Medley admits that a term sheet was executed on May 20, 2015. No response is
6 required to the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 26 because the term sheet speaks for
7 itself. To the extent that a response is required, the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 26
8 are denied.

9 27. Medley admits that on July 8, 2015, the Debtor and Medley executed and closed on
10 the Sale Agreement, the TLA, and the Security Agreement. Medley denies the remaining allegations
11 contained in Paragraph 27.

12 28. Medley denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 28.

13 29. The allegations contained in Paragraph 29 amount to a legal conclusion to which no
14 response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph
15 29 are denied.

16 30. No response is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 30 because the Sale
17 Agreement speaks for itself. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in
18 Paragraph 30 are denied.

19 31. No response is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 31 because the Sale
20 Agreement speaks for itself. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in
21 Paragraph 31 are denied.

22 32. No response is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 32 because the Sale
23 Agreement speaks for itself. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in
24 Paragraph 32 are denied.

25 33. Medley denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 33.

26 34. No response is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 34 because the Sale
27 Agreement speaks for itself. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in
28 Paragraph 34 are denied.

1 35. The allegations contained in Paragraph 35 amount to a legal conclusion to which no
2 response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph
3 35 are denied.

4 36. Medley denies the allegations contained in the first sentence of Paragraph 36. The
5 allegations contained in the second sentence of Paragraph 36 amount to a legal conclusion to which
6 no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in the
7 second sentence of Paragraph 36 are denied.

8 37. No response is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 37 because the
9 Term Loan Agreement speaks for itself. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations
10 contained in Paragraph 37 are denied.

11 38. No response is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 38 because the
12 Term Loan Agreement speaks for itself. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations
13 contained in Paragraph 38 are denied.

14 39. The allegations contained in Paragraph 39 amount to a legal conclusion to which no
15 response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph
16 39 are denied.

17 40. No response is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 40 because the
18 Term Loan Agreement speaks for itself. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations
19 contained in Paragraph 40 are denied.

20 41. Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of
21 the allegations in Paragraph 41, and therefore denies those allegations.

22 42. Medley admits that Medley Capital Corporation hosted a quarterly-earnings call on
23 August 12, 2015. No response is required to the remaining allegations in Paragraph 42 because the
24 transcript of the quarterly-earnings call speaks for itself. To the extent that a response is required,
25 the allegations contained in Paragraph 42 are denied.

26 43. Medley admits that the Debtor scheduled \$4,235,547 in unsecured claims as of
27 October 10, 2017. Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth
28 of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 43, and therefore denies those allegations.

1 44. Medley denies the allegations contained in the first sentence of Paragraph 44.
2 Medley admits that the Debtor reported and/or recorded an operating loss in excess of \$8.9 million
3 during the 2016 fiscal year and an operating loss in excess of \$9.9 million during the 2017 fiscal
4 year. Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the
5 remaining allegations in Paragraph 44, and therefore denies those allegations.

6 45. Medley admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 45.

7 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

8 46. Medley incorporates by reference all responses contained in the foregoing paragraphs
9 as if set forth fully herein.

10 47. The allegations contained in Paragraph 47 amount to a legal conclusion to which no
11 response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph
12 47 are denied.

13 48. No response is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 48 because the
14 Term Loan Agreement speaks for itself. To the extent that a response is required, Medley admits
15 that Paragraph 48 accurately quotes Section 1 of the TLA. The remaining allegations contained in
16 Paragraph 48 are denied.

17 49. The allegations contained in Paragraph 49 amount to a legal conclusion to which no
18 response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph
19 49 are denied.

20 50. The allegations contained in Paragraph 50 amount to a legal conclusion to which no
21 response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph
22 50 are denied.

23 51. Medley denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 51.

24 52. Medley denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 52.

25 53. Medley lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of
26 the allegations in Paragraph 53, and therefore denies those allegations.

27 54. Medley denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 54.

28 55. Medley denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 55.

1 56. Medley denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 56.

2 57. The allegations contained in Paragraph 57 amount to a legal conclusion to which no
3 response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph
4 57 are denied.

5 58. The allegations contained in Paragraph 58 amount to a legal conclusion to which no
6 response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph
7 58 are denied.

8 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

9 59. Medley incorporates by reference all responses contained in the foregoing paragraphs
10 as if set forth fully herein.

11 60. The allegations contained in Paragraph 60 amount to a legal conclusion to which no
12 response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph
13 60 are admitted.

14 61. The allegations contained in Paragraph 61 amount to a legal conclusion to which no
15 response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph
16 61 are denied.

17 62. Medley denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph 62.

18 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

19 63. Medley incorporates by reference all responses contained in the foregoing paragraphs
20 as if set forth fully herein.

21 64. The allegations contained in Paragraph 64 amount to a legal conclusion to which no
22 response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph
23 64 are admitted.

24 65. The allegations contained in Paragraph 65 amount to a legal conclusion to which no
25 response is required. To the extent that a response is required, the allegations contained in Paragraph
26 65 are denied.

27 66. Medley denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph 66.
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67. Medley denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to the relief requested in the prayer for judgment.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

1. The Complaint fails to state any cause of action upon which relief may be granted.

2. The Complaint is barred by res judicata and/or collateral estoppel, including, without limitation, the Court's *Order Confirming Debtor's Second Amended Chapter 11 Plan as Modified* [Case No. 2:17-bk-22432-WB, ECF No. 713].

3. The Complaint is barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrines of waiver, estoppel, and/or laches.

4. The Complaint is barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of unclean hands.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Medley respectfully requests that the Court:

- (a) enter judgment in Medley's favor;
- (b) deny all relief requested by Plaintiffs,
- (c) award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to Medley; and
- (d) award Medley such other and further relief, in law and in equity, to which Medley may be justly entitled.

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